



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Life In Our Community

Children's Faith Formation: Classes follow Sunday Mass. Contact Mary Moomey for information and/or registration.

Praise & Worship: See page 2 for organized prayer at this time.

Food Pantry: Call to set a Friday appointment. Food donations welcomed on the first weekend of each month, or at our office Monday-Thursday, 10am-3pm.

K of C: 2nd Wed. of month. 7:30pm

Bulletin by Mail or email: call our office.

Televised Mass: Cable channel 187 on Sun. at 2pm., Cable channel 191 on Wed. 11am & 4pm, Fri. 9am & Sat. 10:50am.

Adult Faith Formation: Opportunities will be announced.

Bulletin Deadline: Wed. at 10:00am

Parish Hall Rental Bookings:

St. Patrick: Call Betty, 989-463-2503

St. Vincent: Call the parish office

Sacramental Information

Baptism of an infant:
Contact the parish office.

Adult Baptism/Confirmation (RCIA):
Classes begin in the fall. Call the parish to be on the class list.

Elementary Sacramental Preparation:
Call Mary Moomey in our parish office for more information. Registration forms in our entries.

Reconciliation: Individual confessions are heard 1/2 hour prior to Masses.

Marriage: Contact parish office no less than six months prior to wedding date.

Sacrament of Anointing of Sick: Please contact us before a surgery, during hospitalization or if experiencing a change in health.

Hospitalized/Homebound Ministry: Please call the office to arrange for Eucharist or for a pastoral visit.

Funerals: Please contact us before or after contacting the funeral home.

Weekend Mass
Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 10:00am

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Parish Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
9:00 am—4:00pm

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7631 W. North Gratiot Co. Line
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St. Vincent de Paul, Shepherd
168 E. Wright Ave.
Parish Church

APRIL 2, 2023

Parish Mission Statement: St. Vincent de Paul Parish is a Christian community dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ as taught by the Roman Catholic Church through word, sacrament, and service.

Parish Vision Statement: St. Vincent de Paul Parish is called by its Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to serve his people through living the message of the Gospel, giving service to the poor, comforting the suffering, and providing strength through the Sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church. We strive always to meet the needs of the broader community through a variety of ministries which reach out through our parish family to those with whom we live, work, and play. As disciples of Jesus Christ we seek to establish and maintain a lifelong and vital relationship with him so as to grow each day in knowing, loving, and serving the Lord and one another.

Parish Pastoral Council

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Community Prayer

Monday, April 3

Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 4

Is 49:1-6 / Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Diocese/St. Mary Cathedral: Chrism Mass

Wednesday, April 5

Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25

Holy Thursday, April 6

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15
St. Vincent: 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 7

Is 59:13—53:12 / Heb 7:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1—19:40

St. Vincent: 12:00pm Service

Holy Saturday, April 8

Gn 1:1—2:2 / Ex 14:15—15:1 / Is 55:1-11

Rom 6:3-11 / Mt 28:1-10

St. Vincent: 8:30pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday, April 9

The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / 1 Cor 5:6b-8 / Lk 24:13-35

St. Vincent: 10:00am Mass

Easter Egg Hunt follows Mass

K of C Corner

The Shepherd Knights of Columbus will hold their annual sale in the St. Vincent Hall during the Maple Syrup Festival to benefit community and charitable causes. They will accept donated items for the sale (no clothing, please). If you have a question about items you'd like to donate, please call Bob Wachowski, 989-854-2831.

Please hold in Prayer:

✠Fr Tom Sutton, Kendall Lalone, Gabriella Gruca, Jerry McCaul, Nancy Scovill, Scott Smith, Emily (Burch) Jackson, Zora Walsh, Teresa Arnold, Ryan Noyes, Larry Noyes, Sister Marie Kopin, Kinsley & the Binkowski Family, disaster victims, nursing home residents, and the sick and homebound.

Good News

There will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** after the 10am Easter Mass on the north lawn of the church.

Diocesan 2023-24 Pro-Life Events

The Office of Parish Life & Evangelization announces the following:

November 8, 2023 – March for Life in Lansing organized by Nat'l March for Life & RTL of Mich.

January 19, 2024 – Nat'l March for Life, Washington D.C. Bishop Gruss will join us and thousands. Also attend a Students for Life Summit Jan. 20. Save: Jan. 18–21. Call Lori Becker, 989.797.6652.

Christ's Mission Appeal Nativity of the Lord, Alma/St. Louis reached its goal! Diocese has 78% of target. Haven't made a pledge? Please consider.

Stewardship March 19 & 26, 2023

General Collection	Yr. to Date	
Collection <i>March 19</i>	\$ 3,148.00	
Collection <i>March 26</i>	\$ 4,210.00	\$ 214,250.51
Weekly Budget x 2	\$ 10,687.50	\$208,406.25

Designated Funds Contributions

Building Fund <i>March 19 & 26</i>	\$ 65.00
St. Leo Cemetery <i>March 19 & 26</i>	\$ 60.00
St. Patrick Cemetery <i>March 19 & 26</i>	\$ 155.00
St. Vincent Cemetery <i>March 19</i>	\$ 33.00
Food Pantry <i>March 19 & 26</i>	\$ 210.00
Misc. Donation	\$ 300.00
St Patrick Repair & Maint. <i>March 19 & 26</i>	\$ 310.00
Emergency/Earthquake Relief <i>Mar 19</i>	\$ 25.00
Seasonal Flowers <i>March 19 & 26</i>	\$ 480.00
Parish Outreach <i>March 19</i>	\$ 30.00
Catholic Relief Services <i>March 19 & 26</i>	\$ 735.00

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Lay Ecclesial Ministry Application Period

Application period is Feb. 1- May 15. For info, call Deb, 989-797-6660 or dpopielarz@diosag.org.

Parish Position Posted

Our parish will hire a secretary/bookkeeper. A description of the position is on the diocesan website: <https://saginaw.org/employment>. The website also provides information on our open positions for Director of Music Ministry and Coordinator for Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Instructions on **How to Apply** are on the job description page.

St. Joseph, Beal City, Now Hiring:

Director/Coordinator of Religious Education

Flexible 20+ hrs/ week. Responsible for religious education for K-12, Sacramental Preparation and Adult Faith Formation. Duties vary, require initiative, good judgment, organizational ability, and knowledge of position and parish. Send cover letter, resume and references via email by June 1: stjosephtheworkerbcparish@gmail.com or Fr. Tom Held, 2163 N. Winn Rd, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858.

Food Pantry Needs: paper products, personal care items, kitchen & cleaning supplies, liquid dish soap, and laundry detergent..

April 29 - "Spirituality in Ministry" Enrichment

This event is offered by the Office of Parish Life & Evangelization Saturday, April 29, 9:00am– noon at the Center for Ministry, Guest speaker is Bill O'Brien, Executive Director of *Strangers No Longer*. Spiritual care affirms the value of every person based on nonjudgmental love. The minister enables the person to freely share his/her private concerns and have them heard. This helps them to cope with his/her situation and facilitates supportive ministry. Befrienders, Grief Facilitators/Support, Lay Ministers, Deacons, Pastoral Ministers and Walking with Moms Ministers are invited. Continental breakfast is followed by fellowship, reflection, enrichment, & prayer. Check in is at 8:30am. \$20 registration fee includes all materials. Register: <https://saginaw.org/event/spirituality-ministry>. Need help registering? Contact Amy at 989.797.6654 or adore@diosag.org For more info contact Lori at 989.797.6652 or lbecker@diosag.org.

"Come and See" Dinner with Bishop Gruss

Men 14 & up may attend this April 11 dinner here at St. Vincent, 5:30pm with a Holy Hour at 7pm. RSVP Fr Andy LaFramboise, alaframboise@diosag.org

Dear Friends in Christ,

When it comes to using incense at Mass, it seems we either love it or can't stand it. Using incense during the liturgy is one way to practice progressive solemnity on more solemn occasions, such as the Paschal Triduum and Octave of Easter. Our most regular use of incense is during the song of farewell at funeral liturgies. The benefit here is a two-fold reminder: first, that the deceased, by the grace of their baptism, was a temple of the Holy Spirit, and second, that our prayers for them rise to God.

While we use mild and hypoallergenic incense here at St. Vincent de Paul, it can still bother some people. To minimize distress, we try to restrict the use of incense to near the altar. This is one reason we try to avoid incense during the entrance procession. Still, there are times that procession with incense is a distinct part of the liturgy.

1. Incense is used whenever the Blessed Sacrament is processed, such as to the tabernacle of reservation on Holy Thursday or in Eucharistic Processions.
2. Incense is used when the Book of the Gospels is processed on solemn occasions, especially during the Easter Vigil.

Using incense for the Gospel procession and proclamation reverences "the words of eternal life." We then use incense again at the offertory, offering a sweet fragrance to God, which we offer up to be transformed by the Holy Spirit; the bread, the wine, and our very selves. Using incense at both parts of the liturgy helps link the two and reminds us that we are people of Word and Sacrament.

I look forward to seeing you at the Easter liturgies as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd S. Lovas

Diocesan Marriage Prep Workshop: April 15

Engaged couples may attend at the diocesan center, 9am-4pm. Cost is \$90/couple & includes lunch. Call Maria Coss, mcoss@diosag.org.

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